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Online seminar: Marie S.-Curie Masterclass for Postdoctoral Researchers

Organiser: Department Research Management & Transfer, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf
When: 06 & 07 May 2025

Marie S.-Curie Masterclass

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Day 1

06 May 2025 – Topic: How to apply and write a successful proposal

10.00 hrs	Welcome by the Vice President for Research and Transfer; Introduction by the Department Research Management & Transfer
10.15 hrs	Introduction of the EU's Marie S.-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship scheme by the German National Contact Point for Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions with tips on how to write a successful proposal
12.30 hrs	End of day 1

Day 2

07 May 2025 – Topic: Your host institution, tips & tricks for your application

10.00 hrs	Your host institution: services during proposal preparation & cross-cutting issues relevant to your proposal (information on soft skills training, research data management, Welcome Center, equal opportunity offers etc.)
11.00 hrs	Meet successful applicants
11.45 hrs	Summary, next steps towards your proposal submission & questions
12.30 hrs	End of Marie S.-Curie Masterclass 2025

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships



Are you a talented researcher planning your next career move? A research stay in another country is an invaluable opportunity to gain new knowledge and skills, expand your network and advance your career.

What types of Postdoctoral Fellowships exist?

European Fellowships

- Held in EU Member States or Associated Countries (e.g. at HHU)
- Fellowships last 12-24 months
- Researchers can be of any nationality
- Open to all topics

Global Fellowships

- The fellowships require an outgoing phase of 12-24 months in a non-associated Third Country (e.g. USA), and a mandatory 12-month return phase to a host organisation based in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe Associated Country (e.g. at HHU)
- Open to European nationals or long-term residents of EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries (exceptions for refugees)
- Open to all topics

Both Fellowships can also include a **secondment** period in another organisation. An additional period of up to six months in a non-academic organisation in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country is also possible at the end of the project.

Who can apply? What are the eligibility criteria?

- Supported fellows must be **postdoctoral researchers** at the date of the call deadline, i.e. in a possession of a doctoral degree, defined as a successfully defended doctoral thesis, even if the doctoral degree has yet to be awarded (special rules apply to a medical doctor degree).
- At the call deadline, supported researchers must have a **maximum of 8 years full-time equivalent experience in research**, measured from the date that the researcher was in possession of a doctoral degree. Years of experience outside research and career breaks (e.g. due to parental leave), will not be taken into account.
- Recruited researchers must comply with the following **mobility rule**: they must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary (for European Postdoctoral Fellowships), or the host organisation for the outgoing phase (for Global Postdoctoral Fellowships) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline. Researchers wishing to reintegrate from a third country must either be based in a third country at the call deadline, or have moved directly from a third country to an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country within the last 12 months before the call deadline. Compulsory national service, short stays such as holidays and time spent as part of a procedure for obtaining refugee status under the Geneva Convention are not taken into account.

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How does the evaluation work?

- In Postdoctoral Fellowships, proposals will be evaluated by **one of eight 'main evaluation panels'**: Chemistry (CHE), Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC), Economic Sciences (ECO), Information Science and Engineering (ENG), Environment and Geosciences (ENV), Life Sciences (LIF), Mathematics (MAT), Physics (PHY).
- Applications will be evaluated by experts, based on the award criteria 'excellence', 'impact' and 'quality and efficiency of the implementation'.

What are the success rates?

Usually around 15%

How about timing?

- Opening of the call and publication of final documents: presumably 09 April 2025
- HHU Marie S.-Curie Masterclass: **06-07 May 2025**
- Deadline of the call: **10 September 2025**, 17.00 Brussels time
- Project start: usually about 8 months after the deadline.

Important Information

The information in this factsheet is based on **preliminary information**. The official documents will be published in April and therefore there may still be deviations from the above rules.